

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2390

C O N F I D E N T I A L ASUNCION 0805

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EAIR, PA  
SUBJ: INQUIRY REGARDING POSSIBLE PARAGUAYAN PURCHASE OF USED JETS

REF: STATE 048587

1. EMBASSY CONFIRMED TODAY THAT PURCHASE OF USED AIRCRAFT FOR LAP IS BEING HANDLED BY THE PRESIDENT, CORONEL RAUL CALVET, AND INVOLVES DC-8'S, RATHER THAN BOEING 707'S. WE KNOW OF NO OTHER PLANNED PURCHASE OF JET AIRCRAFT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PARAGUAY.

2. OSCAR MARINI HAS MAINTAINED AN ADDRESS IN BOTH ASUNCION AND WASHINGTON, D.C., ALTHOUGH THE LATTER APPEARS TO BE ONLY A POST OFFICE BOX. HE WAS THE LOCAL AGENT FOR UNITED STATES TOBACCO COMPANY UNTIL THE FALL OF 1977, WHEN THE U.S. COMPANY CANCELLED THE CONTRACT BECAUSE MARINI CLAIMED LOCALLY THAT HE HAD AUTHORITY TO COMMIT THE COMPANY TO A SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENT IN PARAGUAY. MARINI HAS TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO PROMOTE INVESTMENT FROM THE U.S. INTO PARAGUAY AND ON THESE OCCASIONS TENDS TO EXAGGERATE HIS CONNECTIONS AND CAPABILITIES. ALTHOUGH MARINI COMES FROM A WELL-CONNECTED FAMILY, HIS LOCAL BUSINESS REPUTATION IS POOR. HE HAS BEEN SUED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF BILLS AND ARRESTED FOR REPORTEDLY ISSUING FRAUDULENT CHECKS. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS EXTREME CAUTION IN DEALING WITH HIM.  
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